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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Masako KIMURA et al. :
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COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING : 279-20606
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PTO FILING FEES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution and to reduce PTO filing fees, please amend the
present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 11, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 4" to --claim 1--.

Claim 12, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 4" to --claim 1--.

Please add the following new claims:

13. The ~~composition~~ ^{emulsion} of claim 2, which is an oil-in-water type emulsion.

14. The ~~composition~~ ^{emulsion} of claim 3, which is an oil-in-water type emulsion.

15. The ~~composition~~ ^{emulsion} of claim 4, which is an oil-in-water type emulsion.

16. The ~~composition~~ ^{emulsion} of claim 2, which is in the form of an eye drop, a nasal drop or
an ear drop.